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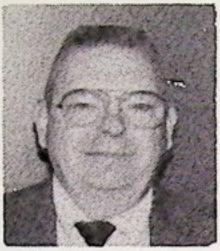

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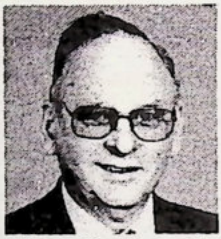

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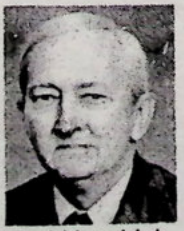

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last letter as your president.

As I look back over the past two years in office, there has not been many much, if any progress in the NCNA. I regret that I could not do more for the Association and for the member clubs.

I have high hopes that our convention in Fayetteville will be bigger and better this year. There will be a great auction, excellent exhibits, a good bourse and and interesting educational program; so plan to attend, September 8-11, 1994.

If you have not yet sent in your nominations for our prestigious awards: the H. Fred Simpson, Jr., Numismatist of the Year Award and the Jimmy Jackson Memorial Award for the Young Numismatist of the Year, send them to the Secretary, Box 20653, Greensboro NC 27420, right away.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the past two years.

Charles Kimber
President

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N. C. N. A. NEWS

N. C. N. A. Elections

About the time you receive this issue of the Journal you will be getting your ballot for the election for 1995 Officers and Board of the North Carolina Numismatic Association. The following nominations have been made and accepted:

President:	Paul Greene
1st Vice President:	Halbert Carmichael
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	Cy Dellinger
	John Griffee
	Ted Hendrick
	Robert Schreiner
	Russ Southworth

We've got good people to choose from. This is your chance to have your say. Be sure to return your ballot in time for it to be counted at the NCNA convention 9-11September.

FAYETTEVILLE CLUBS MERGE

John Wills informs us that the two coin clubs in Fayetteville, the Cumberland County Coin Club and the Cape Fear Coin Club voted on May 10, 1994 to merge. The combined organization will keep the name and officers of the Cape Fear Coin Club. Cape Fear Coin Club is the older of the two organizations, dating to 1960.

Fayetteville had been an example of a city where two clubs which frequently co-operated, and we wish them well in their combined efforts. We will miss the name of the Cumberland County Coin Club in future listings.

CAMP LEJEUNE-JACKSONVILLE COIN & STAMP CLUB

The Camp LeJuene-Jacksonville Coin Club has restructured. Its new officers are: President: Gar Travis, Vice-Pres: Jeff Port, Secretary: Donald R. Coolige, Treasurer: Ricky Craft, Sergeant at Arms: David Porter, and Director: Ralph Powell.

The club will continue to meet at 7PM on the second Tuesday of every month at the 1st Christian Church on Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville. Its address is Box 1313, Jacksonville NC. 28540. The secretary can be reached at (910) 346-8360.

CAPE FEAR COIN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Cape Fear Coin Club in Wilmington elects its officers in May after their annual show. The 1994-1995 officers are: Pres: Gar Travis, Vice-Pres: George Streblow, Secretary: David Porter, Treasurer: Sandra Martinez, Sergeant at Arms: Glen Ivey, Librarian: O. T. Thompson, Newsletter Editor/Director: Dr. Bob Neale, Directors: John Griffee and Ann Streblow.

Meetings are now held at 7:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Academic Support Center of UNCW. Directions can be obtained from the Editor at (919) 799-2024.

JOHN GRIFFEE SPEAKS AT ANA

The Numsimatic Theater at the 1994 ANA Convention in Detroit, Michigan had another contribution from North Carolina. John Griffee spoke on "New Jersey State Coinage" at 4 PM on Wednesday, July 27.

John's topic is part of a series of articles that have appeared serially in the N. C. N. A. Journal.

COLLECTING EARLY U. S. COINS BY DIE VARIETY
PART 4
By MARK SMITH
Buy The Book

Most early United States coins have been well annotated by our numismatic predecessors. In most cases, the information has been published in books, journals, or monographs.

Posing a list of resources for pre-Gobrecht coinage is a dangerous undertaking, as surely something will be either unknown to the author, or inadvertently, omitted. With this disclaimer, the following references are available for the copper and silver denominations:

HALF CENTS

1. Roger S. Cohen, "American Half Cents", 2nd Edition (yellow cover).
2. Walter Breen, "Encyclopedia of U. S. Half Cents", 1983.

Both books cover all known die varieties of U. S. Half Cents. The Breen book is much larger, has many more plates of sub-varieties and die states. The Cohen book has one obverse and reverse plate for each variety.

LARGE CENTS

1. 1793-1814 William C. Noyes, "U. S. Large Cents 1793-1814". A 1991 revision of the following, with updated rarity ratings and a condition census for all varieties. This book includes much of the Sheldon text and has several newly discovered varieties. Each variety is plated.
2. 1793-1814 William S. Sheldon, "Penny Whimsy". This was the standard reference from 1958 through 1991, until the Noyes update.
3. 1816-1839 William C. Noyes, "U. S. Large Cents 1816-1839". A 1991 book, similar tothe Noyes book above, with rarity ratings, condition census for all varieties, and plates of each.
4. 1816-1839 John D. Wright, "The Cent Book 1816-1839". A 1992 book, which also covers all of the known varieties of the period. Included are photos of each variety, rarity ratings, condition census, and a quick finder section.
5. 1840-1857 Robert Grellman and Jules Reiver, "Attribution Guide for U. S. Large Cents 1840-1857". This book greatly improves upon the original Newcomb reference, by use of high quality line

drawings for each variety. One page is devoted to each variety, and attribution is simplified.

6. 1840-1857 Howard Newcomb, "U. S. Copper Cents 1816-1857". As is the Sheldon book above, this was the original reference on this series. For attribution, the books above are preferred by the Early American Coppers.

HALF DIMES

1. Daniel W. Valentine, "The United States Half Dimes". This book was originally published in 1931 and described the then-known varieties of both the bust and seated liberty series. Numerous re-printings have occurred, with additional information. The latest re-print was by Durst in 1984. This reference is now out of date, as many new varieties have been discovered since the original publication.
2. Jules Reiver, "Variety Identification Manual for United States Half Dimes 1794-1837". This "quick-find" guide was originally published in 1984, and offered descriptions on all varieties known at that time. Verbal descriptions were greatly improved over the Valentine Reference. It included previously unpublished die state information and rarity data. This manual is currently out of print; however, an updated version is reportedly in the works.

No single current publication exists on this series, as new varieties and re-marriages are being discovered regularly.

DIMES

1. Davis, Logan, Lovejoy, McCloskey, and Subjack, "Early United States Dimes 1796-1837". This 1984 reference was the first on the scene in this denomination. It includes full page descriptions and photographs of each variety, provides die state information, rarity information, and considerable other insight into the series and the coinage era.

This book is a "must buy", even if you don't collect dimes. In nine years, only a single new variety has been discovered, which is a testament to the thoroughness of research by the original authors.

QUARTERS

1. Ard W. Browning, "The Early Quarter Dollars of the United States 1796-1838". The 1992 Bowers & Merena re-print includes the original Browning text with additional variety listings, photos on each variety, commentary on rarity and provenance by Walter Breen, and condition census by Robert W. Miller, Sr.. This re-print is much improved over the original.

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2. Jules Reiver, "Variety Identification Manual for United States Quarter Dollars 1796-1838". Dated 1987, this handbook is similar to the half dime book above, and is often easier to use than the "page-flipping" method of attribution required by Browning.

HALF DOLLARS

1. Al C. Overton, "Early Half Dollar Die Varieties 1794-1836", Third Edition, dated 1990, is the "Bible" for bust half dollar collectors. The original edition was published in 1967, later updated in 1970. Twenty years passed before Don Parsley, Al Overton's son-in-law, released the latest version, which boasts one page minimum per variety, enlarged plates, newly-discovered varieties, and a condition census for each variety.

With all of the study into this series by fanatical collectors, this book is likely very complete as to the dies used, and the varieties that are currently known. Die state and lettered edge studies will continue for some time to come.

DOLLARS

1. Milford Henry Bolender, "The United States Early Silver Dollars from 1794 to 1803", originally dated 1950, but reprinted. This book represented four decades of study, and provided die variety descriptions, rarity information, and made these early cartwheels attributable.
2. Douglas A. Winter, in several articles in "John Reich Journal", 1986-1988, Volume 1 No. 3, Volume 2 Nos. 1, 2, Volume 3 No. 1, 2/3 expounded on the varieties of dates 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, and 1799. He included updated rarity information and auction appearances in his dialogue.

As few collectors are active in this series, there has been little demand for an update.

It would certainly take several hundred dollars (about $500) to accumulate the reference library above. As some publications are currently out of print, unlimited stores of cash may not be able to easily purchase all listings.

For a general overview of coinage during the early series, three general references are recommended by this author:

1. Walter Breen's "Complete Encyclopedia of U. S. and Colonial Coins", 1988, Doubleday. This exhaustive reference into United States coinage includes many photographs, much historical and political information, and considerable die diagnostic information. It is not as complete on a particular series as the references

above, but provides an enlightening overview into all series, and exists as the "masterwork" on U. S. numismatics.

2. Don Taxay, "The U. S. Mint and Coinage", 1966, Arco, reprinted at least twice. Taxay studied the politics and engineering of coin production from the formative years until the twentieth century. His descriptions of early production equipment and technologies are interesting.
3. Neil Carothers, "Fractional Money", 1930, Wiley & Sons, with 1988 reprint by Bowers & Merena Galleries. If you care about the political and economic influences on the United States coinage of the 18th and 19th centuries, don't buy a slabbed 1881-S Morgan in MS63 to find out why this date was minted in high quantity, spend your $20 on this book. You cannot go wrong.

But many of the references above are not current. How does an early die variety collector stay current in his chosen series?

Join the club. See Part 5 Next Issue.

OUR COVER PHOTO

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, especially among collectors. The scruffy looking coin on our cover (the photo flatters the coin) is a prized possession. It is worn, pitted, cracked and actually has a hole through the coin in the ear of the portrait and the A of "PAX", a most fortunate, or unfortunate, matching of obverse and revers design features. It probably would grade about MS 2.5, with problems!

What is the coin? It is a silver penny of Harold II of England. The obverse has a crowned portrait of Harold facing left holding a scepter. The obverse inscription starts with a cross and continues: H A R O L D R E X A N, Harold King of England. The reverse inscription reads: G O D V I N E O N C I C E: Godwine on Chichester surrounding the word P A X across the center.

Why would anyone want such a coin? First of all, it is one of the few coins of the middle ages that we can dated to the year. Harold II became king of England in January 1066 and was killed at the Battle of Hastings in October 1066, so the coin has to date from AD 1066. Obviously with a short reign there weren't many coins made for Harold, and most of what were made were melted down by his successor, William the Conqueror. The pitted condition of this coin indicates that it lay buried for many, probably hundreds, of years. Was it hidden by some die hard Saxon partisan who was killed before he could recorver it?

COIN SHOW CALENDAR

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AUG

12-14 Provost Guard Coin Club, Kerbela Shrine Temple, Knoxville TN, Dennis E. Pressley, 3922 Copper Ridge Rd., Knoxville TN 37931

13-14 Midlands Coin Club, Seven Oaks Rec. Center, Irmo SC, Jay Shelley, 1022 Cedar Creek Rd., Winnsboro SC 29180

19-21 BLUE RIDGE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, NorthWest Georgia Tarde Center, Dalton GA, Halbert Carmicahel, Box 5625, Raleigh NC27650

26-28 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conv, Kerr Scott Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

SEP

9-11 North Carolina Numismatic Assn Convention, Holiday Inn, Brodeaux, Fayetteville NC, John Wills, Box 40632, Fayetteville NC 28309

16-18 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, 919-828-9450

17 Tidewater Coin Club, Newport News Inn, Jefferson Ave, Newport News VA, Peggy & Bruce Price, Box 9366, Hampton VA 23670

21 Camden Coin Club, Teen Canteen, W. Dekalb St., Camden SC, Loran Ross, 2504 Haile St., Camden SC 29020

23-25 Tennessee State Numismatic Soc, Day's Inn, East Ridge, Chattanooga TN, Terry Hess, Box 831, Clemmons NC 27012

23-25 Virginia Numismatic Assn, Airport Marriott, Roanoke VA, Will Camp, Box 283, Fisherville VA 22939

24 Low Country Coin Club, Radisson Inn Airport, North Charleston SC, William E. Martens, Jr., Box 71268, Charleston SC 29415

24-25 Charlotte Stamp Expo, Days Inn, Woodlawn, Charlotte NC, Richard Canupp, Box 240155, Charlotte NC 25224

OCT

1-2 Rowan County Coin Club, Civic Center, Salisbury NC, Don Warren, 540 Cantiberry Dr., Salisbury NC 28146

7-9 Middle Atlantic Numismatic Assn, Holiday Inn, Columbia MD, Jack Pryor, Box 505, Cockeysville MD 21030

8-9 Piedmont Triad Coin & Stamp Show, American Legion Hall, Creek Ridge Rd., Greensboro NC, Jim Scott, 500 East Morehead St., Suite 200, Charlotte NC 28202

20-23 Peach State Coin Show, Galleria Expo Center, Atlanta GA, Larry Jackson, Box 76482, Atlanta GA 30358

22-23 Tidewater Coin Club, The Pavillion, Virgina Beach VA, Malcolm Gutteman, 804-627-1095

28-30 South Carolina Numismatic Assn, Hyatt Regency, Greenville Sc, Don McAlister, 2207 W. Parker Rd., Greenville SC 29611

29-30 Piedmont Coin Club, Show Building, US220 North, Martinsville VA, Rickie Fulcher, Rt. 1, Box 1669, Stuart VA 24171

NOV

5-6 Northern Virgina Coin Club, Community Center, Vienna VA, Earl Blaisdell, 2250 Highland Terrace, Falls Church VA 22046

12-13 Cape Fear Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Bordeaux, Fayetteville NC, John Wills, Box 40632, Fayetteville NC 28309

18-20 Suburban Washington, Convention Center, Baltimore MD, Gordon Berg, Box 1876, Rockville MD 20850

DEC

3-4 Shennandoah Valley Coin Club, Augusta Expoland, Fisherville VA, James Ryder, 806 Mona Circle, Staunton VA 24401

10-11 Charlotte Stamp Expo, Days Inn, Woodlawn, Charlotte NC, Richard Canupp, Box 240155, Charlotte NC 25224

JAN

4-8 Florida United Numismatists, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando FL, Cindy Grellman, Box 951988, Lake Mary FL 32795

14-15 Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Holshauser Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick

20-22 Peach State Coin Coin Show, Galleria Centre, US 41 & I 285, Atlanta Larry Jackson

FEB

17-19 Charlotte Coin Club, Mechandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ralph Janelli, 704-588-4660

MAR

11-12 Shennandoah Valley Coin Club, Augusta Expoland, Fisherville VA, Clarence Armstrong, 610 C St., Staunton VA 24401

17-19 Tennessee State Numismatic Soc, Days Inn, I-75, Ext 1, Chattanooga TN, Terry Hess, Box 831, Clemmons NC 27012

24-26 Model City Coin Club, Civic Auditorium, Klngsport TN, E. S. Stanley, 3737 Hemlock Place, Kingsport TN 37663

24-26 Suburban Coin Show, Convention Center Plaza, Baltimore MD, Gordon Berg , Box 1876, Rockville MD 20850

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1-2 Raleigh Coin Club, Holshauser Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Halbert Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650

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